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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM PINT KS
SUBJ: ARRESTS UNDER EM-9

REF: SEOUL 6149 AND PREVIOUS (220842Z JUL 77)

1. DESPITE JULY 17 RELEASE OF FOURTEEN EM-9 VIOLATORS, ROKG APPARENTLY CONTINUING INITIATE NEW DETENTIONS UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES. DUP SOURCES TOLD EMBOFF THAT CHUN SUNG-KYU OF THEIR PARTY WAS ARRESTED JULY 24. CHUN WAS WANTED IN CONNECTION WITH REMARKS HE MADE AT DUP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 5. HE HAD BEEN IN HIDING SINCE THEN BUT POLICE FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN LOCATING HIM. DUP SOURCES EXPECT THAT HE WILL BE CHARGED WITH EM-9 VIOLATION.

2. KNCC REPORTED TO EMBOFF THAT REV. YONG-SUL OF KOREAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH WAS ARRESTED JULY 21 IN PUYO. ACCORDING TO KNCC SOURCES, REV. YONG ACCUSED PRESIDENT PARK OF ATTEMPTING TO SET UP KIM IL-SUNG TYPE DICTATORSHIP IN ROK AND MADE EXTENSIVE REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT PARK'S INVOLVEMENT IN LEFTIST INSPIRED YOSU REBELLION. REV. YONG'S REMARKS
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WERE MADE AT PRAYER MEETING IN PROVINCIAL TOWN OF YOSU. KNCC EXPECTS THAT HE WILL BE CHARGED WITH EM-9 VIOLATION.

3. COMMENT: EM-9, OF COURSE, IS STILL IN EFFECT. THESE ARRESTS, HOWEVER, MAY NOT DEMONSTRATE HARDENING OF ROKG POLICY CONCERNING PROSECUTION UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES BECAUSE OF SPECIAL NATURE OF EACH CASE. DUP SEIZURE

PROBABLY OCCURRED IN COURSE OF CLOSING OUT A PENDING CASE.
REV. YONG'S DETENTION IS A RESPONSE TO A PARTICULARLY
SHARP PERSONAL ATTACK ON PRESIDENT WHICH ROKG NOT PREPARED
TO IGNORE. ON BALANCE, IT STILL APPEARS THAT ROKG EXERCISING
GREATER RESTRAINT IN PROSECUTION OF EM-9 OFFENSES THAN
PREVIOUSLY.
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